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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

In re Application of:)

Inventor: Brian D. Gantt et al.)

Serial #: 09/186,270)

Filed: November 4, 1998)

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
INTERACTIVELY MANIPULATING
AND DISPLAYING PRESUMPTIVE
RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN
GRAPHIC OBJECTS)

Examiner: L. Sealey

Group Art Unit: 2671

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Dear Sir:

Appellants' attorney hereby submits the Supplemental Reply Brief of Appellants (in triplicate) from the rejection of claims 1, 4, 14-15, 21, 24, 25, 28, 38-39, 45, 48-51, and 65-68 of the above-identified application.

In the Answer dated January 22, 2003, the Examiner essentially reiterated his arguments from the Office Action dated March 18, 2002. Consequently, this Supplemental Reply Brief incorporates by reference herein the entirety of the previously-filed Supplemental Appeal Briefs of the Appellants, since the arguments contained therein are still applicable. Moreover, no new arguments are presented herein, since there are no new grounds of rejection raised in the Examiner's Answer.

In conclusion, Appellants' attorney respectfully submits that the cited references do not anticipate nor render obvious the claimed invention. More specifically, Appellants' claims recite novel physical features which patentably distinguish over any and all references under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103. As a result, a decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences reversing the Examiner and directing allowance of the pending claims in the subject application is respectfully solicited.

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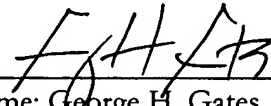
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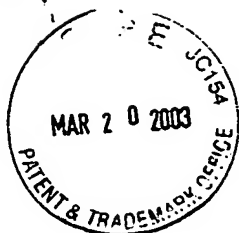
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